

Geranium Trust Annual Report

30th September 2023 to 1st October 2024

I'm pleased to report that the Geranium Trust is going from strength to strength as the years pass by with more and more guests visiting Court House for the many weekly, monthly and annual events that we hold.

During the year we decided that we should, in the future, concentrate our efforts supporting events held at and around Court House and in the Yeovil area. We also decided that by offering a meal or food, even if it's just a cake or a bowl of homemade soup, more guests came and struck up friendships with other guests. This all goes back to when the G.T. was founded in the summer of 2017, a few months after Geoff died, when I decided to hold a 'Tea Party' for the old folk in Barwick and Stoford. Just two guests came to that first tea party and although now both in the late 90's they still come every month.

Our LGBT+ Support is still offering friendship to around 40 regulars with the monthly 'Drop In Coffee Morning' and the monthly Sunday Roast dinner.

At the end of the summer of 2024 we decided that the 'Tuesday Gardening Group' should be re-named and become 'Tuesday Coffee & Chat' and as winter approached we registered the Barn at Court House as a warm space. We regularly have more than 20 guest coming along between 10 am and 4 pm and as some were not too keen to leave when it was time to go home

Brian, our volunteer cook decided to ask them to stay on for a hot meal and 12 or so did. After the first meal a couple of our guests said that they would like to cook the meal and did so. Even I cooked a couple of meals!

Our memory garden 'Geoff's Meadow' has really started to look fantastic with many of the little trees now growing into a 2 acre woodland garden. Keith, our volunteer gardener and wildlife ranger, keeps it looking good cutting the grass almost daily and planting flowering plants and bulbs around trees and in the many flower beds. Most of the trees are planted in memory of a loved one and many have their departed loved one's ashes place under the tree.

The rest of the Court House estate of around 23 acres is now a flourishing wildlife haven with many species of wild flowers, trees, birds, snakes butterflies and mammals. Some are quite rare in this part of Somerset. We have planted 12 Black Poplar trees which will be magnificent when they are fully grown. But, sadly that's going to be long after I am here to see them.

On July the 16th we took a trip to Weymouth on a 1961 open topped bus. 35 or so older people, most of whom had lost their husband, wife or partner, enjoyed the day at the seaside. Terry, the owner and driver of the bus, took the long way home via Portland Bill where many alighted the bus for a 10 minutes break. We arrived back in Stoford just after 7 pm having had the most

wonderful day. We hope to make this a regular annual event.

The trust's finances are in good shape as you will see from our treasure's report.

Terence "Paul" Palfrey
Founder - Chair
The Geranium Trust

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Income & Expenditure Account for the period 1 October 2023 - 30 September 2024

Income:

| | | 1/10/22 - 30/9/23 |
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| Donations & Grants | £ 1,346.05 | £ 12,551.89 |
| LGBT Lunches | £ 631.00 | £ 783.50 |
| Tea Parties | £ 457.44 | £ 280.44 |
| Sale of Donated Books | £ 255.34 | £ 278.22 |
| Open Garden (net) | £ 313.00 | £ 240.75 |
| Use of Premises | - | £ 80.00 |
| Gift Aid Tax Reclaimed | £ 2,676.11 | £ 20.64 |
| Sales Table | - | £ - |
| Other Lunches | - | £ - |
| Donations in respect of Presentations | - | £ - |
| In Memoriam | £ 40.00 | £ - |
| Sundry Income | - | £ - |
| | £ 5,718.94 | £ 14,235.44 |

Expenditure:

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| Food | £ 1,302.31 | £ 724.54 |
| Garden | £ 388.16 | £ 512.03 |
| Insurance | £ 517.25 | £ 174.16 |
| Equipment | £ 167.00 | £ 3,622.00 |
| Sundry Expenditure | £ 418.73 | £ 19.77 |
| Cleaning Materials | - | £ 15.13 |
| Website Expenses | £ 217.96 | £ 12.46 |
| Stationery & Printing | - | £ 11.00 |
| Bank/PayPal Charges | - | £ - |
| Kitchen Sundries | - | £ 3.41 |
| Electricity | - | £ - |
| Professional Fees | - | £ - |
| In Memoriam | - | £ - |
| | £ 3,011.41 | £ 5,094.50 |

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| Net surplus for period to date | £ 2,707.53 | £ 9,140.94 |
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Reconciliation:

1 October 2023:

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| Cash | £ 58.77 | |
| NatWest Bank Current Account | £ 25,855.65 | |
| Debtors | £ - | |
| Creditors | -£ 3,985.90 | |
| | | £ 21,928.52 |
| + Surplus for year to date | | £ 2,707.53 |
| | | £ 24,636.05 |

30 September 2024:

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| Cash | £ - | |
| NatWest Bank Current Account | £ 24,828.04 | |
| Debtors | £ - | |
| Creditors | -£ 191.99 | |
| | | £ 24,636.05 |
| Loans outstanding | | £ - |
| | | £ 24,636.05 |
| Restricted Funds | | £ 1,506.40 |